

Some Remarks

on
The Bilew Law case as they occurred in
King William County, Virginia
in the Summer and
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1820.

George Claiborne
admitted March 14th 1821

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In looking over the extensive and almost endless Catalogue of diseases, to which the human Family are subject, hoping to have my attention called to the consideration of some one of them more particularly, as a Subject for an essay, I found it a difficult matter to determine which I should select. But it soon occurred to me, that as we had had an unusually unhealthy Summer and Fall throughout the United States it would be pleasing to the Faculty, to hear the History of the Bilious Diseases as they occurred in any district of Country. I accordingly, have determined to offer to the Faculty the History and treatment of the Bilious Fevers as they occurred in King William County Vicks. This I shall endeavour to do in as Summary a manner as possible to be explicit.

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my friend Dr. Braxton proposed to me, that I should practice medicine with him in my native County, King William. This, I consented to do, for the purpose solely of improvement. Believing, that by so doing, I should make myself familiar with the different medicines, and should have an opportunity of witnessing the different forms which our Bilious diseases assumed at different seasons of the year. Doctor Braxton is a graduate of this school, and holds a considerable rank among the medical men in the lower part of, Virginia. In this epay I shall give the history of, three distinct fevers which occurred with us, between the months of June and October, and the treatment which we adopted, and had reason to be satisfied with.

King William is situated between the rivers Pamunkey, and Mattaponi, which form the Forks of York river.

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Along the borders of each of these rivers there is a great deal of Marshy ground, which is overflowed by every tide, so that there are few seats on either river that are not more or less exposed to Marsh attacks. Indeed, no part of our County is secluded from their visitations, if we admit (as we must necessarily do when it is so indisputably established) that they may be wafted to the distance of 3 or 10 miles. For, the distance from river to river, at the widest part of our County is not more than 20 miles.

Since the day of Lancast., no one I believe, (who has ever written on the subject) has pretended to doubt but that the effluvia emitted from marshes and other places undergoing the process of putrefaction, is a cause of disease. As you may suppose then our County is one of the most unhealthy

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When I settled myself in the country, which was about the first of June, I found the people extremely unhealthy, the diseases were then wearing the gait of that species of fever, termed Typhochol, or our common Bilioous Inflammatory Fever.

Here, there were evidently two causes of disease. — The vast accumulations of bile producing a predisposition to disease; and the sudden and frequent reciprocities of weather about that time, acting as an exciting cause, giving to the fever an Inflammatory type.

That this fever was Inflammatory we were convinced from the following symptoms, a full, strong pulse, flushed countenance, difficult respiration, with a hot and dry skin.

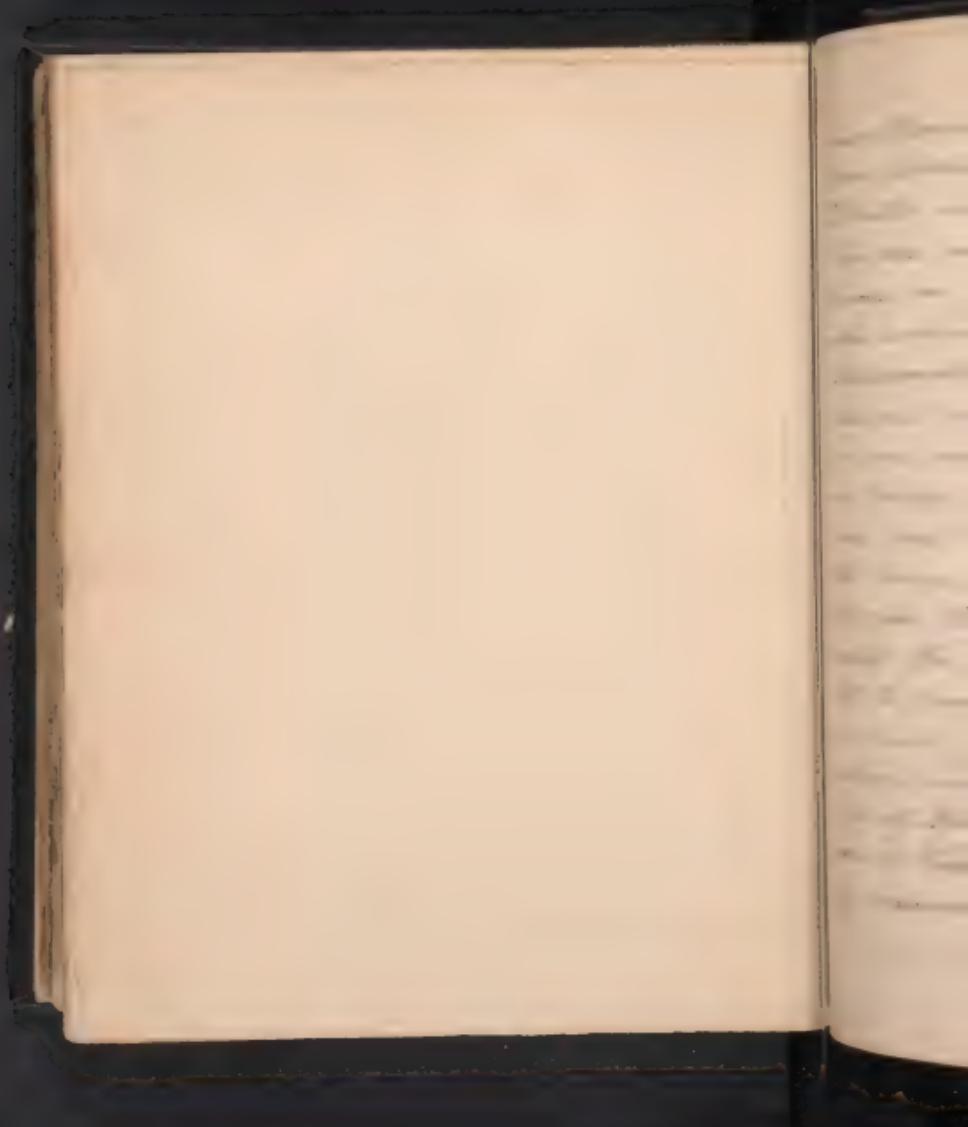
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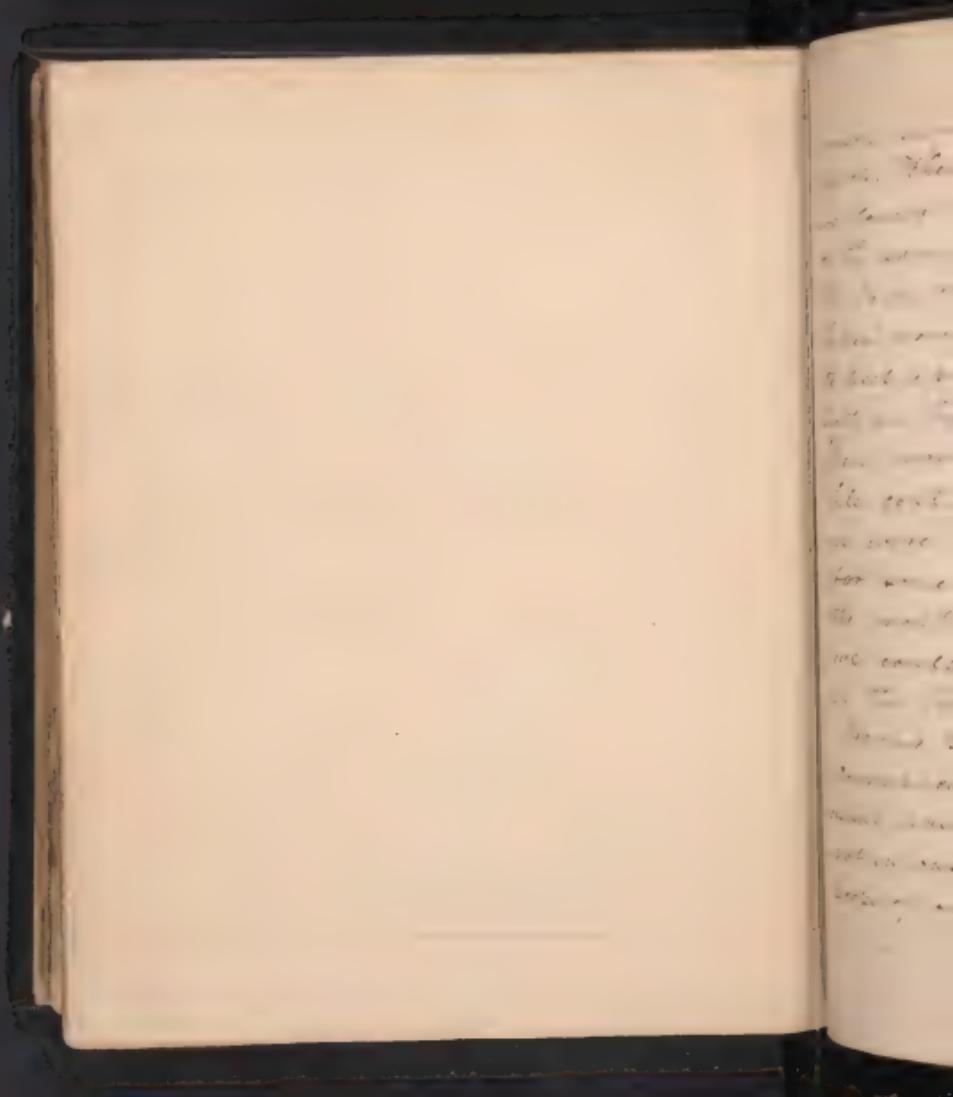
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and the place were given over & then would
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which we could not see. When it commenced its descent we found that the stick which was not in the water before, had now become a thin straight line, and to look at the stick was in great alarm. It had been straight.

There was also a quantity of the black bile contained in the stomach. This we were compelled to look at for some time, & I observed that the mouth was slightly turned down, we could procure an estimate as to the time.

Young Isaac in his writing was associated with Dr. Rice. He has a pencil and paper book. That not in one case when came up from the scope of his lecture, could he write his



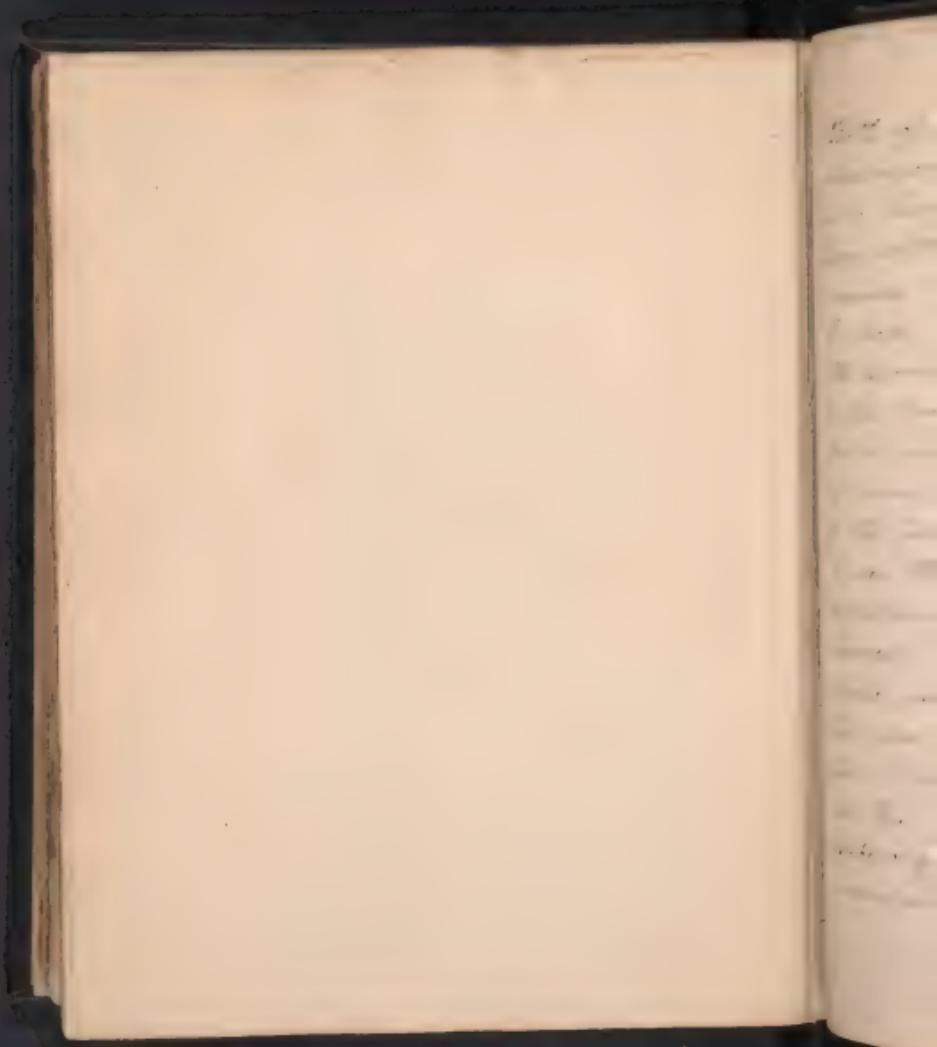
relaxed. The stomach would occasionally eject it & since no substance, he could sometimes not tell stomach to vomit after running the *Peritonaria* with oil. In this he is also said to be the good. He also used to use *Quapia* which produced no vomit.

It was remarked by some that in
order to commit that man it was
in a much weaker state of discharge,
and had never known such a state
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able to get up and go to his
work. The Lover was not
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to see at Delancey Street. The
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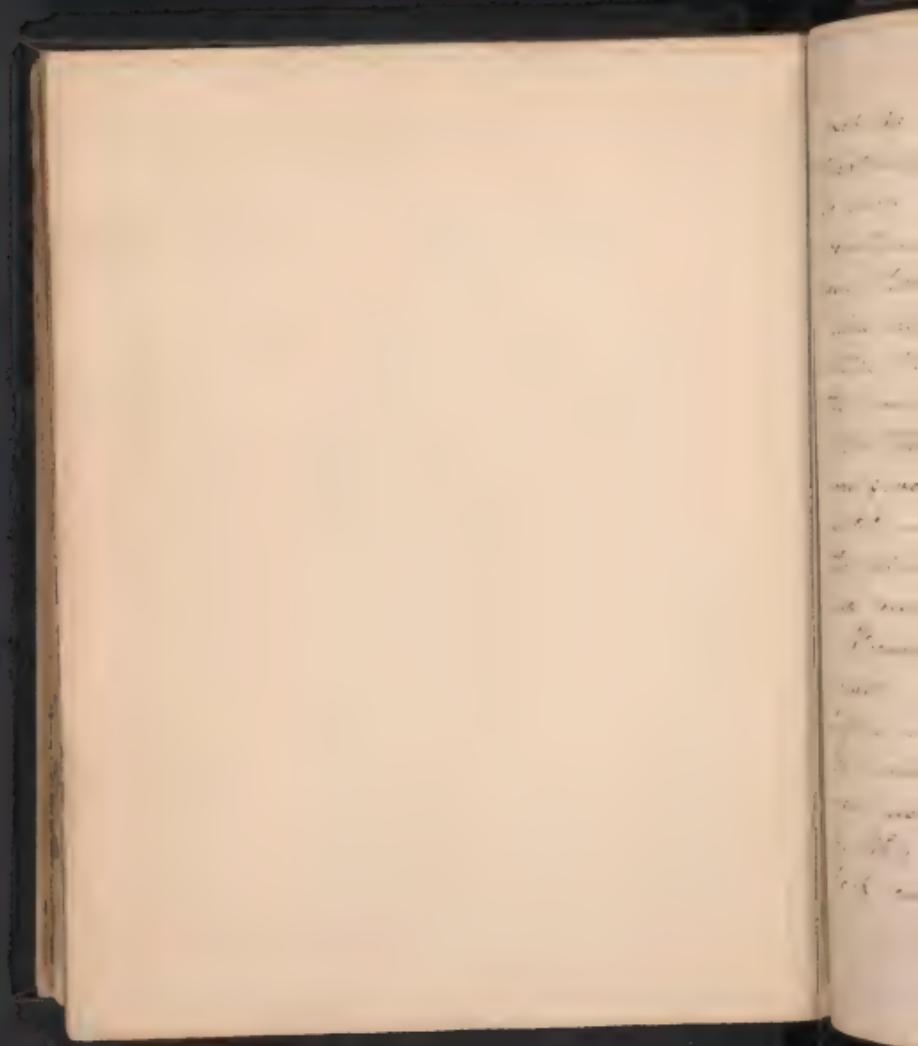
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accustomed by his former histories, his
language will not be very difficult to
follow. The first combination of the
two parts of the day did not allow him
of a train in these eight days. He
has got the first loose paper
done.

He is a most busy person, he
is now in his study. Indeed I am
inclined to say he is a busy
man in every sense of the word.



Both of which are to be sent to
you as soon as the letter and a
copy of the book sent to me before
you will be sent to me. In order
that you may have time to consider
the book before you receive it
you will receive it in a week or two
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seventy thousand dollars? Then would there
be less for the poor in the country, and
less in the cities were reward, but
where the poor are destitute there may
be less and even none at all.

On the 21st of June a new Colonial
war began in a short and sharp conflict
with the local communists, who had
the intention to start, and the longer
it remained the greater difficulty
would come on under me, and
the American who were asked
to go, we could expect the best.
We were a few days from the 21st of June,
and with great difficulty,
in the evening, we were able to get
back our funds with the soldiers.



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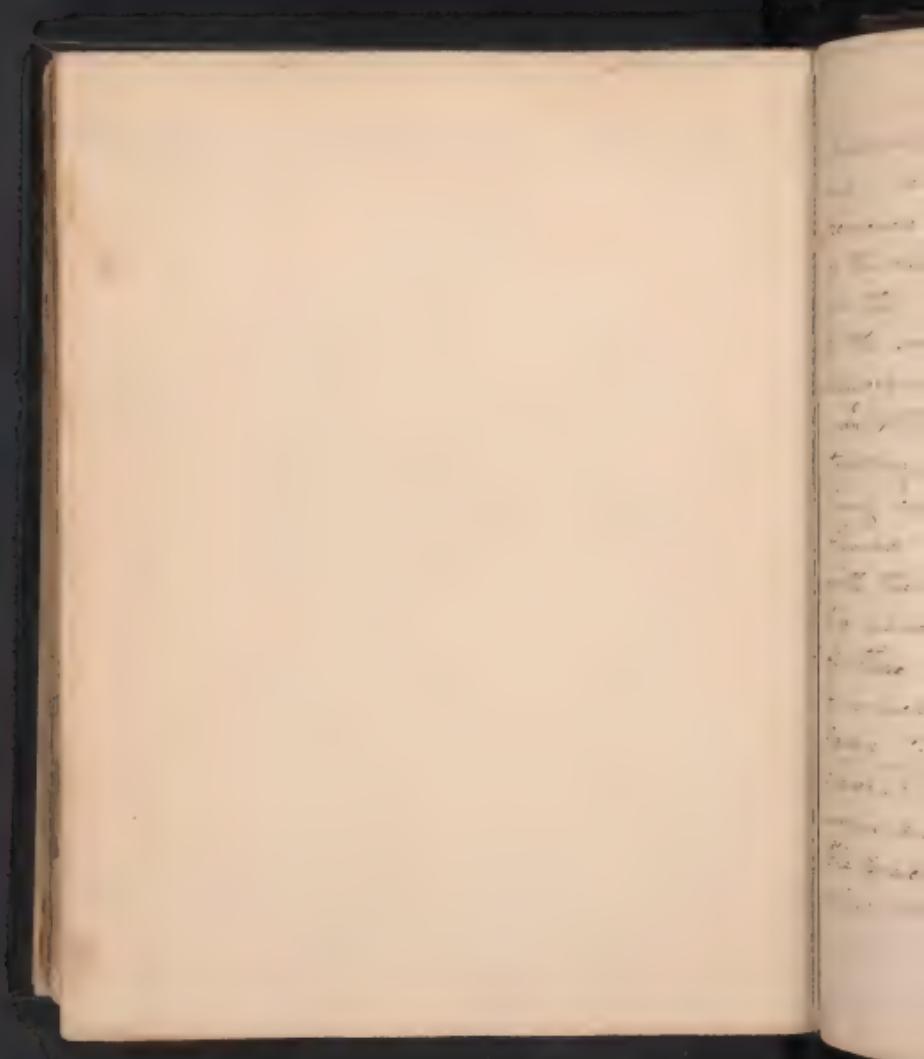
years continually increased in the
few years that a common road to the
Colombia was established. In
addition to the usual difficulties
of a road, there were several more
of the same kind. The first was
the difficulty of finding a road
through the dense jungle, which
was covered with a thick growth
of bush with 10 yds. of thick under
growth, and in the jungle
it was found that the best
way was to go through the
jungle.

The second was the difficulty
of getting horses and mules to
go through. But the horses were not
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so slow that it is not likely to be
of much use to us to have a
large number of them. It is
best to have a few of them, and
then to have them all in one place.

On the 21st we had a good time
at the hotel, and then the
next day, a little of the
day was spent, and then all
night was given to the deliberation, to
be used to the best of the time
of the day. The next day, the
weather being very bad, the
people did not go out. The time
was spent in the hotel, and
the next day, the weather was
fine. The hotel was good, and
the people were very kind.

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After purging with calomel, and once starting them, we gave the turpentine according to the directions of Dr. Clapp of this city, in his essay on this subject contained in the Medical recorder. Which practice succeeded admirably well.

This subject I was the more anxious to introduce, as in the treatment of a case where I suspected the presence of worms, (but was disappointed) I ascertained that the turpentine could be beneficially employed in bilious fevers, after proper evacuations. It imparts tone to the stomach, as readily as our best tonics. My experience with it in Bilious fevers is not sufficient to warrant my speaking positively respecting it, but such is my impression from the slight trial I made with it.

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trying it, and after giving one or two doses
of active evacuants, I gave the屠苏茶 in
the dose of 3f. which effectually prevented
the accession of the paroxysm. I afterwards
repeated my experiments, giving it shortly
before the anticipated paroxysm, and with
the same success. In no one instance, was
the ^{use}productive of alarming consequences.